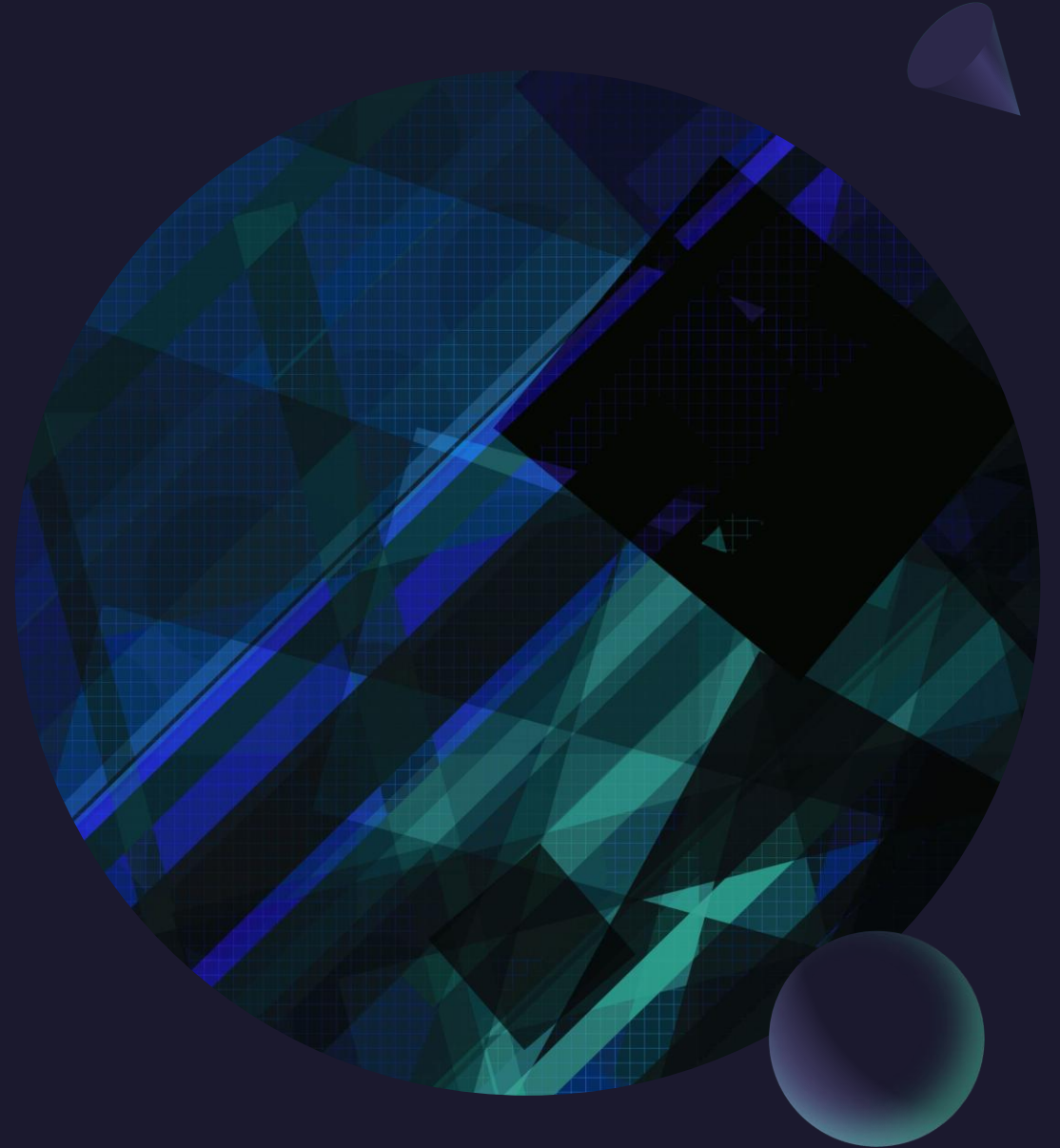


Oregon Data Center Advisory Committee

Process Overview

July 31, 2026



Convened by
Governor
Kotek on Jan.
20, 2026



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**Governor Kotek Convenes Statewide Data Center
Advisory Committee**

Advisory group to recommend actions to address issues related to growth of data centers

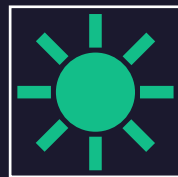
Salem, OR – Today, Governor Tina Kotek announced the convening of a statewide Data Center Advisory Committee, tasked with developing a set of policy recommendations and actions to address issues of statewide significance associated with the growing expansion of new data centers across Oregon. The Committee's report will be due to the Governor no later than October 2026.

The Committee's Charge

The advisory committee will conduct an open and public process to understand challenges and opportunities in key policy areas related to the siting of data centers in our state, and then recommend actions that the State of Oregon can take to:



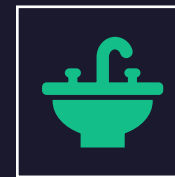
Encourage data center siting decisions that support responsible economic development, create jobs, and increase long-term revenue that will strengthen our rural communities;



Understand how the development of data centers affects and can help Oregon meet its climate, clean energy, and natural resource management goals;



Ensure data centers have reliable energy without burdening Oregon's ratepayers;



Protect Oregon's limited water resources in the face of growing demand from data centers while recognizing available clean water is imperative to both existing economic sectors such as agriculture and the growth of new and more diversified local economies; and,



Identify key issue areas needing to be addressed in order to develop a policy framework that will help guide the state in the responsible siting of data centers moving forward.



Committee Members

Name	Title
Margaret Hoffman, Northwest Power and Conservation Council	Co-Chair
Michael Jung, Energy and Climate Policy Professional	Co-Chair
Dan Dorran, Commission Chair, Umatilla County	Member
Greg Dotson, Associate Professor, University of Oregon	Member
Bill Edmonds, Adjunct Professor, University of Portland	Member
Tim Miller, Director, Oregon Business for Climate	Member
Jean Wilson, Operating Partner, Sandbrook Capital	Member

Scope and Process

1

Conduct a comprehensive literature review of other states' existing regulatory frameworks;

2

Direct a fact-finding process to understand the scope and drivers of data center development in Oregon,

3

Compile information from key stakeholders regarding potential impacts to jobs and the economy, energy, water, land use, and

4

Develop a set of actions and recommendations to the Governor.

Public Sessions

- Economic Development and Workforce – February 27, 2026
- Water – March 27, 2026
- Land Use – April 24, 2026
- Data Centers and Energy – May 29, 2026
- Data Centers, Affordability, and Taxation – June 26, 2026
- Additional Issues session – July 31, 2026
- Committee Discussion – August 4, 2026

Public Comment

- Public Comments are accepted at every session
- Public Listening Session – April 17, 2026
- Public Listening Session – June 2, 2026
- Public Listening Session – September 23, 2026



Resources

- Committee Website: <https://www.oregon.gov/energy/get-involved/pages/oregon-data-center-advisory-committee.aspx>.
- Comments accepted at datacenter.ac@oregon.gov.

